

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please add the following to the specification at page 1, after the title:

**CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This application claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §365 of International Application Serial No. PCT/EP2003/013353, filed November 27, 2004, the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §119 of German Application No. 10256657.7, filed December 3, 2002, and the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §119 of German Application No. 10256594.5, filed December 4, 2002, the entire contents of all of which are incorporated by reference herein.

Please amend the specification at page 1, line 4 as follows:

~~Description~~ **BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

1. Field of the Invention

Please add the following heading to the specification at page 1, line 9:

2. Description of Related Art

Please amend the specification at page 1, line 25 as follows:

In the case of the electrically heated tanks, the glass melt is heated conductively using alternating current by electrodes, i.e. the glass melt is heated directly. The electrodes are introduced into the glass melt either through the tank base or through the side walls of the tank and are surrounded by the glass melt on all sides. In this context, reference should be made to US 4,246,433.

Please amend the specification at page 6, line 11 as follows:

**BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**

According to the invention, this object is achieved by a method ~~having the features of claim 1~~ and an apparatus ~~having the features of claim 30~~ as described herein.

Please amend the specification at page 36, line 5 as follows:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SEVERAL VIEWS OF THE DRAWINGS

The invention is explained in more detail below on the basis of preferred embodiments and with reference to the appended drawings, in which identical reference symbols denote identical or similar parts. ~~In the drawings:~~

Please add the following heading to the specification at page 36, line 26:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION